

A detailed illustration of St. Paul Lutheran Church, a Gothic Revival style building with a prominent steeple, red doors, and stained glass windows. The scene is set against a blue sky with white clouds and green foliage on the right.

ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

120 YEARS

1906-2026

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SEPTEMBER 13



JULY + AUGUST 2026

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*And I tell you, you are Peter; and on this rock I
will build My Church, and the powers of death
shall not prevail against it.
Matthew 16: 18*

Family of believers at St. Paul Lutheran—

This familiar verse is spoken by Jesus just after Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He and the other disciples had seen what Jesus had done up to that point, and Jesus commends how Peter learned this not by his own brainpower or logical thinking, but because it had been revealed by the Father in heaven. And Jesus declares that this rock, this declaration of what Peter said (and not Peter personally) is the foundation of what would be His Church. People from that time going forward would gather round this same declaration and confession and would be united with Jesus throughout time and space.

We are now fully in the post-Pentecost season, the season of the Church. We live this reality out week after week as we gather together in this same confession and unity. The Church may shrink in numbers here in this country, but it is growing in others. Even if it continually shrinks worldwide, it will never be 0 before Jesus comes again. But in the meantime, even if numbers appear to be shrinking in our local vicinity, we still have opportunities to invite more in and have them gather around this same confession that Peter gave. I was visiting with a brother pastor last week who reaffirmed that even with a large number of churches in Addison, there are still plenty of people not attending one of them (our numbers at the parade in August attest to this.) And what better one for them to attend than ours, where the Gospel is proclaimed in its purity and the Sacraments celebrated rightly. We have opportunities right in our backyard, now is the time to put Jesus's plan into action and allow His will to be done. It might not look the way it did several decades ago, but the opportunities are definitely there. I am not afraid of what any potential outcomes from such efforts would look like, and you shouldn't be either. There is no time like the present, so let's get ready to serve our neighbor with this good news of the Gospel we have to offer!

Blessed to serve—

Pastor Kevin Peterson

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Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a special worship service at 10:00 a.m. and lunch following on Sunday, September 13!

Open House

We will be hosting an Open House each Thursday during the Addison Summer events. Please stop by and extend a warm welcome to those who have come to see our beautiful church!



**On behalf of the Altar Guild:
Many thanks to all of our Altar Guild members! We have so many people that serve the Lord quietly and faithfully, keeping the sanctuary worship-ready in all seasons, and we are grateful for each and every one of them. May God continue to bless you all!**

St. Paul Quilters



Our quilting group is on summer break! We don't meet during July and August, but we are planning to get back to work in September and we would love to have you join us! When we meet (in the church basement on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of most months at 10:15 a.m.) we put the finishing touches on our quilts by tying knots which hold the quilt layers together. This is not a task that requires "real" quilting skills, but it is a very real feel-good experience! We know that each quilt we complete will be given to someone in need--someone who may have lost a home due to hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, or war. It is a small but still significant way of reaching out to care for God's children.

AMERICA AT 250:



Addison's Annual Community Parade is Sunday, August 30. Please be on the lookout for more information as the date gets closer: we will need volunteers to help assemble and ride on the float as well as candy donations.



THEOLOGY IN FILM

Our Theology in Film nights will continue; the dates will be July 27 and August 31 at 6:00 p.m. Come join us as we continue to explore different stories and what they can teach us regarding our own beliefs. Both titles will have a theme on proper worship—how much reverence is needed and how much room there is for new ideas and innovation. Our July title will be a classic comedy while our August title will be a more recent one based on true events. Invite your friends from other congregations and in the community—pizza will be provided!

HOLIDAY SERVICES SURVEY

The Elders are reviewing the schedule for the 2026 holiday worship services. We would appreciate your input as we consider making any changes. Please complete this survey and drop it the box in the narthex by Sunday, **August 9**. We will be discussing the schedule at our next Elders' meeting, August 17.

THANKSGIVING

This past year we had a Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve Service (22 attended) and no Thanksgiving Day Service.

- We should continue with only the Thanksgiving Eve Service
- We should have only a Thanksgiving Day Service
- We should have both a Thanksgiving Eve and Thanksgiving Day Service

Comments or suggestions:

CHRISTMAS

This past year we had two Christmas Eve Services, one at 7 p.m. (63 attended) and one at 11 p.m. (31 attended, including musicians), and a Christmas Day service (25 attended).

- We should continue with the two Christmas Eve services as scheduled
- We should have two Christmas Eve services at
 - 4:00 p.m.
 - 5:00 p.m.
 - 6:00 p.m.
 - 9:00 p.m.
 - 11:00 p.m.
- We should have only one Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. and discontinue the 11 p.m. service
- We should have only one Christmas Eve service but at either
 - 4:00 p.m.
 - 5:00 p.m.
 - 6:00 p.m.
 - 9:00 p.m.
- We should continue a Christmas Day service
- We should discontinue the Christmas Day service

Comments or suggestions:

Name (Optional)

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	INDEPENDENCE DAY 4 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
5 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion	6	7	8	9	10	11 5:30 p.m. Worship
12 9:00 a.m. Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
19 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Interpreter)	20	21	22	23	24	25 5:30 p.m. Worship
26 9:00 a.m. Worship	27 6:00 p.m. Theology in Film	28	29	30	31	

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
2 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion	3	4	5	6	7	8 5:30 p.m. Worship
9 9:00 a.m. Worship	10	11	12	13	14	15 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
16 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Interpreter)	17 5:30 p.m. Board of Elders 7:00 p.m. Church Council	18	19	20	21	22 5:30 p.m. Worship
23 9:00 a.m. Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion
30 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion ADDISON PARADE	31 6:00 p.m. Theology in Film					